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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OF  
RONALD LESLIE LEOPOLD COLLINS, M.D.  
LICENSE NO. MA 05219500  
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL ORDER

This matter was presented to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners by way of Administrative complaint filed May 22, 2006 by the Attorney General of New Jersey, by Joan D. Gelber, Deputy Attorney General. The four-Count Complaint alleged, in pertinent part, that Dr. Collins had offered professional medical services in this State via a corporate entity set up for him and partially owned by Mr. Alex Braylovsky - an unlicensed business entrepreneur - under the corporate name "Allstate Medical Group, P.C." at 50 Union Avenue, Suite 103, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 from on or about January 2000 through approximately February 2003, and then at and for an undetermined period of time at Eight Krotik Place, Irvington, New Jersey. Such employment was concurrent with his employment at various locations in New York State.

Starting on or about July 2003 respondent held himself out as the owner and Medical Director of "Collins Medical & Neurodiagnostic, P.C.", 764 Route 18N, Suite 104, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816. In fact, however, respondent was employed as an independent contractor by another unlicensed business entrepreneur. His practice included treatment of patients claiming injury in motor vehicle accidents ("PIP" claims). That practice closed in approximately June 2005.

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As more fully set forth in the Administrative Complaint, during a period from January 2000 through at least June 2005, it was alleged that respondent engaged in an extended pattern of conduct by which he allowed himself to be employed by unlicensed persons to perform professional medical services, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.16(f), under sham professional corporation names. At both entities, respondent was alleged to have performed grossly inadequate clinical examinations and medical management of patients reporting personal injury. It was also alleged that respondent directed, authorized, ratified or condoned the ordering and performance of unnecessary cervical and lumbar electrodiagnostic testing routinely on all patients involved in a rear-end auto collision. It was further alleged that respondent directed, authorized, ratified or condoned the performance of electrodiagnostic testing on patients, some of whom he had never seen or examined, and permitted testing to be performed by unlicensed and unsupervised persons. It was also alleged that respondent ordered, ratified or condoned electrodiagnostic testing performed by himself and others in a grossly incompetent or grossly negligent manner, prepared testing reports containing fabricated data and unsupported diagnoses, and billed at grossly inflated and excessive fees. It was additionally alleged that during at least the year 2004, respondent directed, authorized, ratified or condoned the performance of extended periods of physical therapy by persons in his office on patients complaining of injuries resulting from auto accidents, without documentation of adequate supervision or re-examination of the patients, or justification for the continued billing. Finally, it was alleged that respondent failed to timely produce treatment and/or billing records in response to a Medical Board subpoena and investigative demands. In addition, his curriculum vitae, as produced to the Board, failed to identify any of his New Jersey offices or his various employments.

The Attorney General alleged that the abovesaid conduct failed to comply with accepted standards of practice, and also violated laws and rules implemented by the State Board of Medical Examiners, constituting misrepresentation, deception, gross and/or repeated negligence and malpractice, professional misconduct, employment by and of unlicensed persons for professional services, and failure of the ongoing requirement of good moral character, all in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3, N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5, and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.10(g), and of N.J.S.A. 45:1-18, N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (c) and/or (d), (e) and (h) and of N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.

Respondent, whose current address of record is 681 East 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236-3307, is represented by Martin S. Goldman, Esq.

Despite documented efforts to serve respondent Dr. Collins with the Administrative Complaint by certified mail (which was twice returned "unclaimed") and twice in June 2006 by regular mail (which was not returned) and a successful effort to notify him by direct telephone call on June 28, 2006 and the regular mailing of an additional copy of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing sent to respondent on June 29, 2006, respondent failed to file an Answer to the Complaint or to otherwise respond either personally or through counsel.

Based on that history, by Notice of Motion dated August 15, 2006 and sent to respondent by regular mail with supporting brief and attachments, the Attorney General sought entry of default by the Board of Medical Examiners, and the granting of all relief sought in the Administrative Complaint based upon the proofs presents. An additional set of attachments was mailed to him regular mail on August 28, 2006. The documents notified him that the hearing was scheduled for September 13, 2006 and provided notice of the location and time and of the relief sought.

On the eve of the hearing, respondent's attorney, who had not yet been retained, contacted the Attorney General's office and requested an adjournment on behalf of respondent. Sindy Paul, President of the Board, directed that the motion be made in person before the full Board on September 13, 2006. Both respondent and his counsel appeared, and had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the record.

Respondent, having consulted with his attorney, has determined to waive his right to a plenary hearing in this matter. In the interests of amicable settlement, respondent Dr. Collins has entered a plea of no contest to all of the allegations of the Complaint on the record, under oath, before the Board on September 13, 2006. He has offered certain representations, and he and complainant Attorney General have proposed a resolution of the matter, as set forth below. The Board has considered the matter and has determined that the proposed resolution will adequately protect the interests of the public. Therefore, for good cause shown,

IT IS, ON THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006

ORDERED:

1. The Board hereby accepts respondent's offer to surrender his license with prejudice, and accepts his agreement that he shall not seek reinstatement of the license at any time hereafter.
2. Respondent shall promptly surrender his State Controlled Drug Registration and shall make arrangements with the Division of Consumer Affairs Enforcement Bureau/Drug Control Unit for the lawful disposal of all Controlled Drugs in his possession or under his control in the State of New Jersey, and shall arrange for the lawful disposal of all non-CDS medications in his possession or under his control within this State. Excepted from this requirement are medications prescribed for him for a documented medical purpose by his treating physician.
3. Respondent shall assure that all New Jersey office letterhead and all prescription pads bearing his name are destroyed. He shall make safe and appropriate disposition of all medical equipment in his possession or under his control within this State.
4. Respondent is assessed costs and fees of \$19,000.00 and penalty of \$10,000.00, totaling \$29,000.00, for the offenses set forth in Counts 1 through 4, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.
5. The first \$5,000.00 of the costs and fees shall be paid within 10 days of the filing of this Order, payable to the State of New Jersey at the Medical Board office at P.O. Box 183, Trenton, NJ 08625-0183. Payment shall be made by certified bank check or by a United States Postal Money Order.
6. Respondent shall be permitted to pay the balance of the debt for costs, fees and penalty in equal monthly installments of \$1,000.00, with the first payment due on November 1, 2006 and each subsequent payment shall be due on the first day of each month thereafter. Interest on all financial assessments shall accrue in accordance with Rule of Court 4:42-11. All payments shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to the State Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, 140 E. Front St., Trenton, NJ 08625-0183. In the event that a monthly payment is not received within five days of its due date, the entire balance of the civil penalty and costs shall become due and owing. For any payments ordered in paragraph 4 above, which have not been paid in full within 10 days of the entry of this

Order, a Certificate of Debt shall be filed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24.

7. Respondent shall provide a true and complete notice of his current address, along with the name, address and telephone number of his employer(s), updated as necessary, and at least every six months even without change, until the debt is completely satisfied.

8. Respondent shall assure that his patient records of all New Jersey patients shall be preserved at his expense in a secure and confidential location for seven years from date of last entry, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5. He shall inform the Board office of the name and address of the storage facility.

9. Respondent shall reimburse the insurance carriers of each of the patients listed on Attachment A, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, within 30 days of the entry of this Order. Reimbursement shall be accomplished in the following manner: For each patient, respondent shall provide a certified bank check or United States Postal Money Order payable directly to the pertinent insurance carrier. Each check shall be mailed directly to the prosecuting Deputy Attorney General, who shall record receipt thereof and transmit the reimbursement to the insurance carrier. With regard to any insurance carrier of a given patient whom respondent claims denied his bill, he shall submit a true and complete copy of the denial attached to a sworn statement confirming its accuracy.

10. It is intended by the parties that this Order shall resolve all administrative and license issues with respondent, which were specifically alleged as violations by the Attorney General in the present Administrative Complaint, with regard to his responsibility to the State Board of Medical Examiners, all and solely in connection with Professional Board statutes and regulations.

11. The Disciplinary Directives attached hereto are incorporated in this document.

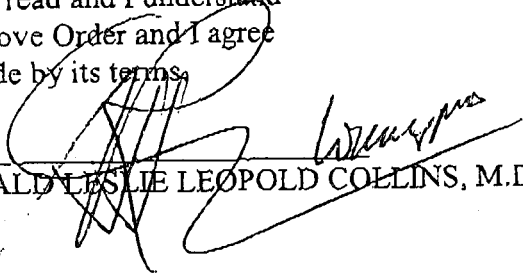
THIS ORDER BECAME EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY ON THE RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2006. PROVISIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF FILING OF THE ORDER.

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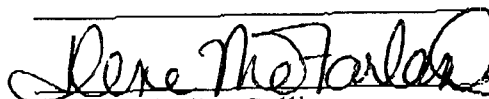
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sindy Paul, M.D., President

I have read and I understand  
the above Order and I agree  
to abide by its terms.

  
RONALD LESLIE LEOPOLD COLLINS, M.D.

Witnessed: I attest that this is  
the true signature of Dr. Ronald Collins.

 Esq.  
Counsel for Dr. Collins  
Elene J. McFarland

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By: Sindy Paul, MD  
Sindy Paul, M.D., President

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Ronald Leslie Leopold Collins, M.D.

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Deane McFarland Esq.  
Counsel for Dr. Collins  
Deane J McFarland

## ATTACHMENT A

Patient	Dates of Service	Total fee charged	Carrier	Payment
J [REDACTED] L [REDACTED]	8/22/00 - ?	\$ 4,317.00	Selective Ins. Co.	Claim denied
W [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]	1/14/04 - 3/29/04 -?	\$16,246.00	Selective Ins. Co.	\$5,312.11
A [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]	1/15/04 - 6/16/04 -?	\$	Allstate Ins. Co.	\$1,739.22
A [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]	- deductible + co-pays			\$ 684.84
M [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]	1/15/04 - 7/1/04 -?	\$	Allstate Ins. Co.	\$ 304.05
M [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]			Allstate Ins. Co.	Other claims denied
M [REDACTED] F [REDACTED]	- co-pays			\$ 76.02
D [REDACTED] K [REDACTED]	1/15/04 - 6/24/04 -?	\$	Allstate Inc. Co.	\$1,145.27
D [REDACTED] K [REDACTED]	- deductibles and co-pays			\$ 536.34
Total				\$9,797.85

\*Patient names are redacted to preserve confidentiality. Full identification has been provided to respondent and is on confidential file with the Board of Medical Examiners.